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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -by Al Munro

Winter has just about completed its run for this year and it's time to start planning for the upcoming summer. Groundhog Day passed without him seeing his shadow so Spring should be on us shortly. If our Calgary weather is any indication, then the groundhog's prediction should come to pass. We have had above freezing weather since Valentine's Day and the temperature for our provincial family day holiday on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> was plus 5 Celsius or 41 Fahrenheit.

The Edmonton Spring coin show is Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, and the weekend of Mar. 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> will be the Calgary coin show. I hope all of you will support your local clubs and attend the coin and antique shows in your area. Good luck in the pursuit of your hobbies and I hope you find many goodies at the upcoming shows.

The 2007 membership renewals are arriving at a steady pace. There are, however, still a few who have not renewed. Ross has been given a list of the non-renewals and I have asked him to mark the newsletters of those people so you will know that I have not received your 2007 renewal. If you have not renewed, please take a moment to send off that renewal before we remove you from our active mailing list. If you have questions on your membership status, e-mail me at [wood5cents@shaw.ca](mailto:wood5cents@shaw.ca) or telephone me at 403 273 6133.

Year 2007 is an election year for C.A.W.M.C. and I ask anyone who has considered offering your time to serve on our board of officers and directors to contact **Norm Belsten** and advise him. Norm's e-mail address is [nbelsten@sympatico.ca](mailto:nbelsten@sympatico.ca) and **a nomination form is included in this newsletter.**

It is almost time to begin making reservations to attend the C.N.A. convention and our annual general meeting in Niagara Falls in July. I strongly encourage our members to attend this convention (July 12 to 15, 2007) and **our C.A.W.M.C. general meeting on (July 15th).** It is a great opportunity to meet other members and do some trading. If you are planning to issue a 'wood' for the occasion, order them soon to give the manufacturer plenty of time to get them made.

In the meantime, consider nominating someone whom you strongly believe deserves recognition from our association, in support of our "wooden token" collecting hobby. Please contact me with the names of such people. My e-mail is above and my mailing address is Box 2643 Station 'M' Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2P 3C1.

Good luck in your collecting efforts.

## NOMINATION FORMS AND RENEWALS:

As Al has stated above, **nomination forms are included with this newsletter.** They should be sent to **Norm Belsten.** If you are nominating someone, at least contact them, so they are aware of your nomination and that they ensure they will let their name stand for that position.

Al has given me the names of current members still not renewed for 2007. If you have a **BLUE JAY** sticker like the one shown here, **in the 'President's Message ABOVE,** then Al is still looking for your year 2007 renewal. Please send it along to him.





**PAST PRESIDENTS:**

Garry Braunwarth – 1975-1977

Victor Hall – 1977-1979

Don Robb – 1979-1981

Stan Clute – 1981-1983

Neil Probert – 1983-1985

Norm Belsten – 1985-1991

Pat White – 1991-1995

Lou Vesh – 1995-2001

Earl Salterio – 2001-2003

Norm Belsten – 2003-2005

**HAVEN'T RENEWED YET!!!**

IF YOU HAVEN'T  
PAID YOUR 2007  
MEMBERSHIP YET,  
MAY I  
HAVE YOUR  
AUTOGRAPH  
on a cheque!

Send it along to:

**Al Munro**

-see bottom of this page

**CAWMC OFFICERS**

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 Wooden Money Collectors are:

Canadian Residents: \$10.00 Canadian Funds  
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Dues paid to Mr. Al Munro, Box 2643 Stn. 'M', Calgary,  
 AB, Canada T2P 3C1

**FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH**

This month's free wood has been provided  
 by **Norm Belsten**.

This '**RED AND WHITE STORE**' wood  
 from **SINTALUTA**, Saskatchewan was at one  
 time, considered somewhat scarce. It was  
 listed in our official catalogue (7880 – 01)  
 with a rarity of R-2. Norm has recently  
 uncovered a hoard of them, so for sure, now,  
 it can be considered very common. The  
 wood is red in colour, both sides. Thanks,  
 Norm, for this donation.



**2007 O.N.A.**

Opens at 10:00 a.m. each day

April 21<sup>st</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup>**2007 ONA CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM**

<u>QTY.</u>	<u>FUNCTION</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
_____	Main Registration ..... Includes Copper souvenir convention medal, admission to bourse, Program of events, Dream Vacation draw ticket, admission to Friday night reception, unlimited visits to the Hospitality Suite	\$20.00	_____
_____	Spousal "Add-On" (a family member must be Main Registered).... Includes all of the above with the exception of the Copper souvenir Medal	\$10.00	_____
_____	Young Numismatist Registration..... Includes everything in the main registration kit with the exception of the Copper souvenir convention medal	\$5.00	_____
_____	Banquet (Saturday 6:30 p.m. cash bar: 7:00 p.m. dinner)..... Includes full-course dinner and a keynote speaker to be named later	\$35.00	_____
_____	Dream Vacation Draw tickets (buy 5, get 1 free).....	\$2.00	_____
_____	Official souvenir convention medals Brass (only 40 struck).	\$10.00	_____
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**TOTAL** (please make cheques payable to the 2007 ONA Convention).

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF MAIN OR YOUNG NUMISMATIST REGISTRANT; \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SPOUSAL REGISTRANT (If applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you have been appointed as a Delegate by a club, name club: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form and return it to the

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C/o Tom Rogers

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Contact Tom Rogers (519) 451-2316





**FROM THE EDITOR:**

When **David Phillips** of Port Alberni, B.C., forwarded his latest Alaskan 'wood' article (Hooligans Saloon – Soldotna) to me, he also included an article on **geocaching** woods from Alaska (see page 5). Now, I have to admit that I had heard the term 'geocaching' before but knew very little about it ('Geo' – for geography and 'Caching' for the process of hiding a cache). So, onto the internet to 'Google' the term.

For those of you, like me, here is, very briefly and simply, what it is. Geocaching is an adventure game for GPS users. The GPS unit is an electronic device that can determine your approximate location to within 6 to 20 feet on the planet. The basic idea is to have individuals and organizations set up caches all over the world and share the location of these caches on the internet. GPS users can then use the location coordinates (normally given in longitude and latitude) to find the cache. The cache should be waterproof, placed tastefully within the local terrain and contain any number of more or less valuable items (treasures). The cache should contain a log book with information from the cache founder and notes for the cache's visitors. Other items can be of great variety *i.e.* maps to local attractions, books, pictures, money, jewelry, games and a host of other things including obviously *wooden tokens*. The rules are simple: a) take something from the cache b) leave something in the cache and c) write something in the log book.

That is a very simple overview of this adventure game even though it can get much more complicated and require special skills in order to find the cache *i.e.* when caches are placed under water (for scuba divers) or when caches are placed on a cliff side (for rock climbers) etc. I'm sure you get the drift.

David didn't say, in his story, how he got these geocache woods. Maybe he was playing the game!

(Coincidence?) I think your editor now really understands the occurrence of 'coincidence'. Since David Phillips sent this geocaching article to me, and after I 'googled' it, to better inform myself about it, would you believe these coincidences. In our local, weekly newspaper "The Banner" (early Feb. 2007), there appears a story on a local Orangeville family who regularly play this geocaching game and the fun they have doing so. Then, on Feb 21<sup>st</sup> while I'm on the cross-country ski trails at the local Orangeville *Manora Park*, teaching local school children nordic skiing, the classroom teacher, with the group of students, completely out of nowhere, asks me if I know about geocaching and have I ever played this game. Of course, I was totally surprised but stated what I knew and that I hadn't played the game. He immediately shows me, along this ski trail, where a local cache is located. I was tempted to look in the cache but I had nothing to leave, so didn't. I'm tempted to leave one of my wooden nickels in it next time, however. I had skied past this cache dozens of times before completely unaware of it. He indicated that there were many other caches in the area, as well. He plays the game. Small world!

Last month's newsletter, and again this month is attached an advertising flyer from C.A.W.M.C. member *Jim Smith* of Kamloops, B.C. Jim also sent to me some samples of various woods made by him. They are excellent quality woods made from 100% beetle killed pine. As I've stated before, the woods are a little thicker than other wood tokens and when printed are coated with a non-toxic lacquer for a shiny finish. See the flyer for information on contacting Jim.



**woodencoin.com**  
250-852-3460  
**Jim Smith**  
**133 Heather Street**  
**Kamloops BC V2B 4C1**

Many of our C.A.W.M.C. members will recognize the name *Norm Boughton*, an avid American collector of wooden tokens. Sadly, Norm passed away on Jan. 25, 2007 at the age of 75. Norm had just recently taken on the task as editor of "Bunyan's Chips", the official newsletter for our American counterpart in 'wood' collecting, the 'International Organization of Wooden Money Collectors' (I.O.W.M.C.). I have often referred to this publication in the past. Norm lived in New York State and was a past president of I.O.W.M.C. He was a dealer who owned a very large collection of wooden money, which included a lot of Canadian material. He is survived by his wife, Maurina, and two sons and a daughter. We have lost a tremendous supporter and promoter of our hobby.

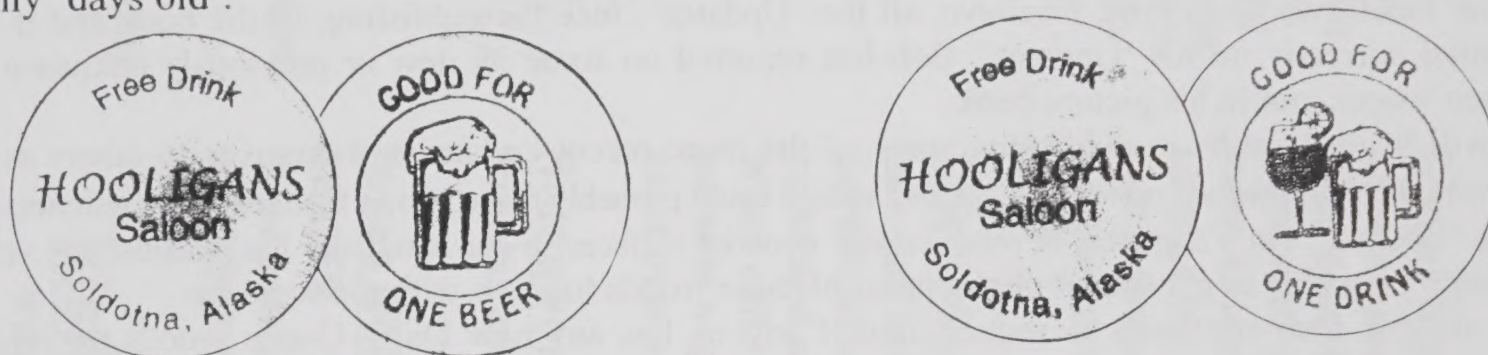


## HOOLIGANS SALOON – SOLDOTNA, ALASKA -by David Phillips

I checked out this Saloon on speculation, in hopes of finding a wooden token. I lucked out!

Staff told me they had been after management for some time to have wooden drink tokens. They knew that tokens are not only useful as 'rain checks' for drinks another time, but also are very lucrative to the Bar, as very often the tokens are never redeemed. Patrons often forget to bring them in, out-of-town patrons do not get back to redeem them and many are kept as souvenirs (or in wooden token collectors' collections!).

Finally, management consented to order some in and I was thus able to obtain two samples (shown here). They are virtually 'hot off the press' as the wooden token program at Hooligans is only 'days old'.



## ALASKA GEO CACHING WOODS -by David Phillips

There is a new category of Alaska woods appearing. These are the woods put out by Alaska Geo Cachers. These woods feature the geo cacher's nicknames and are called "signature woods".

These signature woods are left in caches found by the wood's owners, thus leaving their "signature" behind, indicating they have found that cache.

I am aware of 4 Alaska geo cacher woods as follows: three from Anchorage geo cachers:

"FLYRFN", "MamaMouse and the Mice Kids", and "The Slat Rat"

and one from Eagle River geo cachers: "lrb&mlb"

No doubt there will be more as the geo caching hobby expands and matures.





## "DAIRY QUEEN" WOODS

In last month's newsletter, I said I would be publishing the more recent 'Dairy Queen Updates' put out by C.A.W.M.C. member **Bob Brown** of Highspire PA. These 'Updates' include information on new or previously unknown Dairy Queen wood issues. These woods are not in the book, "*A Picture Guide Book of the Dairy Queen Wooden Tokens*" which Bob and George S. Hill began compiling about 1995 and eventually published in 1999. Your editor has not seen this book, nor do I know if copies are still available for purchase. I'll try to get that information from Bob and publish it.

I do know that the book has over 1600 wooden tokens shown on 130 pages, with two pages of other tokens, plus some Dairy Queen memorabilia (over 140 pages in all). The book is spiral bound with cardboard covers.

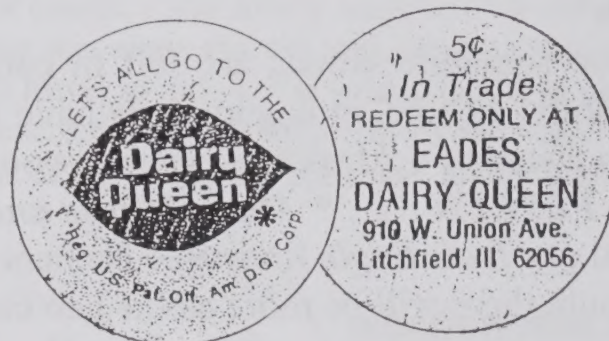
Bob has forwarded to me, I believe, all the 'Updates' since the publishing of the book and if I have counted correctly, in his 'Updates', Bob has reported on some 39 new or previously unknown Dairy Queen woods, not in his picture book.

I will begin here by re-publishing some of the more recent updates and progress to others as space permits. If other "wood" material is not available, I could probably make two or three *entire* newsletters of just these 'Updates'. Let's hope lots of other 'wood' material surfaces so our newsletter has considerable variety. I do hope I am able to get decent photocopies of these woods to show with the write-up.

As always, Bob continues to request that if anyone has any new Dairy Queen woods, to report, to please *send the information to him as he does not list anything he does not see a good, clear photocopy of, or see the actual wood itself.*

### "A Dairy Queen Update" -by Bob Brown

(November 2006) This 'Eades Dairy Queen', was sent to me, by *David Clouse of Ohio*. This wood is different from the other *eleven* different tokens from 'Eades Dairy Queen', listed in my book. All *eleven*, listed in my book, have the words "*IN TRADE*" in capital letters. This token has the words "*In Trade*" listed in lower case letters, capitalized. This token has the Type 3 reverse and is the traditional red in colour.



(March 2006) At a recent swap meet in Hermitage, PA, I picked up two new Dairy Queen woods for my collection from Norm Boughton. One is from *Richfield, Minnesota* and has a Type 1 reverse. The second is from *Marinette, Wisconsin* and has a Type 2 reverse. Both are the traditional red in colour. Neither of these tokens is listed in my book. Both obverses are shown here.





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**Jim Smith**

**250-852-3460**

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20 coins help to keep track of childrens participation. Parents start with all the coins and child earns one for each duty. When child has all coins in possession parents negotiate the return and all start over again.

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2-50 cent, 1-1 dollar, 2-2 dollar, 1-5 dollar  
2-10 dollar, 1-20 dollar, 1-50 dollar.

#### Towns of BC Gold Rush:

24 coins listing towns of the 1857/1862  
stampede for gold with a short history  
highlighting Museums/Archives to visit.

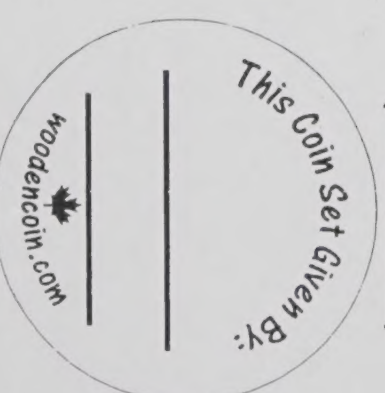
#### Prime Ministers of Canada:

Prime Ministers listed with both party  
affiliation and significant dates.

#### Trains of BC:

22 coins listing various trains to visit  
while traveling British Columbia. 28 trains  
highlighted from Port Alberni to Fort Steele  
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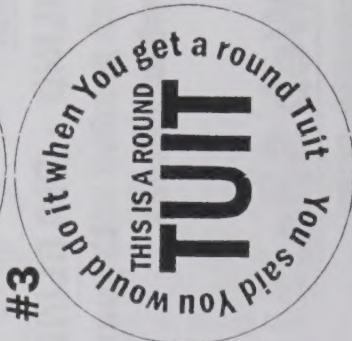
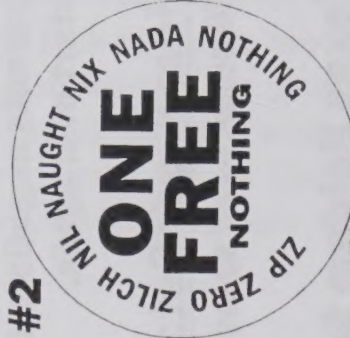
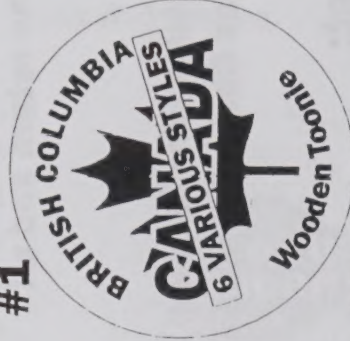
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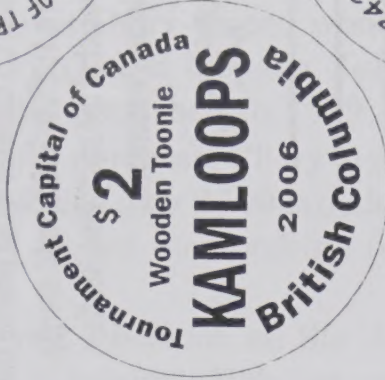
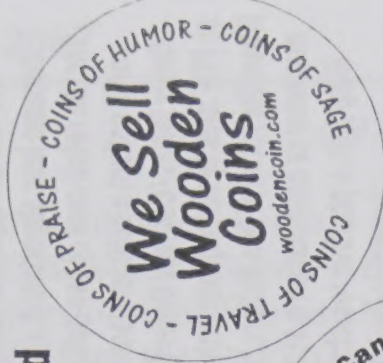
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